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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in Jordan
(As of 11:30 AM EST)

1. Anti-Husayn rioting broke out today in the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem, according to press reports. Crowds leaving the mosques apparently had been agitated by sermons at morning prayers. A local UN observer said Jordanian security forces opened fire, causing "a few casualties." At last report the streets were quiet.
2. Disturbances also occurred again today in Ramallah, north of Jerusalem. Soldiers fired over the heads of a crowd which was chanting demands for arms to fight Israel. There appear to have been no casualties so far. A tight curfew was reimposed by mid-morning.
3. A recent press statement by Prime Minister Wasfi Tal in which he criticized the United Arab Command (UAC)--headquartered in Cairo--for its failure to provide air cover during Israel's 13 November raid has elicited a strong rejoinder from the UAC. In a statement broadcast by Cairo radio, the UAC said such air cover is supposed to come from the territory of the attacked state because of the short range of available fighter planes. The UAC statement recalled that, in view of Jordan's lack of adequate jet fighters, the UAC had recommended the stationing of other Arab air forces in Jordan, only to have the idea vetoed by the Jordanian government. The UAC also recalled its offer of Soviet MIG-21 aircraft which, it said, were available "immediately," and that Jordan instead had insisted on contracting for American aircraft "three times more expensive" which take "two or three years to deliver."
4. Pakistan's President Ayub Khan has ordered that a contingent of about six officers from Pakistan's military training directorate be sent on an aid mission to Jordan. This token of political support for Husayn was offered during Ayub's visit to Jordan which coincided with Israel's 13 November raid.

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